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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0540]

Homeopathic Product Regulation: Evaluating the Food and Drug Administration's Regulatory

Framework After a Quarter-Century; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending the comment period for the notice of public hearing that appeared in the <u>Federal Register</u> of March 27, 2015. In the notice of public hearing, FDA requested comments on a number of specific questions identified in the document. The Agency is taking this action in response to requests for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.

DATES: FDA is extending the comment period on the notice of public hearing published March 27, 2015 (80 FR 16327). Submit either electronic or written comments by August 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Written Submissions

Submit written submissions in the following ways:

 Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for paper submissions): Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. (FDA-2015-N-0540) for this notice of public hearing. All comments received may be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For additional information on submitting comments, see the "Comments" heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

<u>Docket</u>: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number(s), found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the <u>Federal Register</u> of March 27, 2015, FDA published a notice of public hearing with a 60-day comment period following the public hearing and requested comments on a number of specific questions identified throughout the document. Comments on the notice of public hearing will inform FDA's decision about whether and how to adjust the current enforcement

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policies for drug products labeled as homeopathic to reflect changes in the homeopathic product

marketplace over the last approximately 25 years.

FDA is extending the comment period for an additional 60 days, until August 21, 2015.

The Agency believes that an additional 60-day extension of the comment period for the notice of

public hearing will allow adequate time for interested persons to submit comments without

significantly delaying Agency decision making on these important issues.

II. Request for Comments

Interested persons may submit either electronic comments regarding this document to

http://www.regulations.gov or written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (see

ADDRESSES). You should annotate and organize your comments to identify the specific

questions or topic to which they refer. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. Identify

comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received

comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, and will be posted to the docket at http://www.regulations.gov.

Dated: June 4, 2015.

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Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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